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MORRIS, Minnesota (March 20, 2017)—Earlier this month students from all five University of Minnesota campuses visited the Minnesota State Capitol to lobby the legislature for the U's 2017 budget request as part of Support the U Day. This annual event offers students chances to demonstrate to the legislature that both the Morris campus and student body matter to the state of Minnesota.

Support the U Day gives students opportunities to talk to representatives about funding certain priorities for the University system in order to get support for the bills in which those requests end up. The legislature is currently voting on the proposed Biennial Budget Request. Students hope to get the legislature to approve a Capital Request in 2018 that will involve refurbishing the basement of Blakely Hall and the Humanities building.

“Morris is one of the smaller campuses, so it is important for us to get our name out there and remind representatives that there is not just Twin Cities, but there is also Morris, which is just as important,” says Morris Campus Student Association Executive Officer Ruby DeBellis '18.

“Students are getting a chance to do their civic duty of asking their representatives to help them out,” adds Minnesota Student Legislative Coalition representative Autumn Johnson '20. “So it's helping improve student life, and it's helping students learn to be good citizens.”

Addressing and reducing costs of research, administration, and education to minimize tuition increases is one of the Biennial Budget Requests approved by the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. More information is available at govrelations.umn.edu/biennial-budget.html.

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